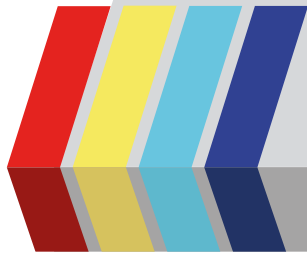




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Update from Headteacher

As the school year draws to a close, it is with a mix of pride and nostalgia that we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils, who are "Simply the Best" and ready to embark on their exciting journey into secondary school. This transition marks a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of them. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Year 6 pupils, including those attending grammar schools. Wishing you all the best as you step into this new chapter of your educational adventure.

Throughout their time at Beam School, your children have exemplified our core values of **striving, being inspirational, and community-mindedness**. These values have not only guided their academic achievements but have also shaped them into compassionate and responsible individuals. As they move forward, we are confident that they will carry these values with them, continuing to strive for excellence, inspire others, and contribute positively to their new communities.

Our vision of **lifelong learning** has always been at the heart of our educational philosophy. We hope our Year 6 pupils will continue embracing this vision, remaining curious, eager to learn, and open to new experiences. Secondary school presents a world of opportunities, and we encourage them to take on new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils: you will always be our Beam Children, and we will always hold you dear in our hearts. Your time here has left an indelible mark on our school community, and we are grateful for the joy and energy you have brought to our School. Remember that no matter where life takes you, you have a home here with us, filled with people who believe in you and see your potential. **Who are you?**

As you step into this new chapter, know that we are cheering you on every step of the way. We wish you all the very best in your secondary school journey and beyond. Continue to shine brightly, stay true to your values, and make us proud.

New Academic Year - 2024-25

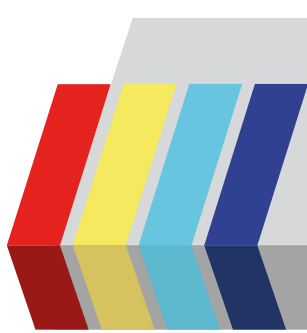
The new term begins for all pupils on Tuesday, September 3. We open our gates at 8:30 a.m, and the school is fully staffed for September. However, we are still trying to recruit a Catering Manager. The school will be welcoming a few new names onto the teaching staff in the Autumn.

Other bittersweet news is that after many years of dedicated service and exceptional teaching, our wonderful Ms. Marcuccilli will be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue an exciting new promotion.





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Ms. Marcuccilli has been an integral part of the Beam family, inspiring countless pupils with her passion for teaching and her unwavering commitment to their success. Her creativity and genuine care for each child's well-being have made her a beloved figure in our school community. While we are saddened to see her go, we are also incredibly proud of her achievement. This promotion is a testament to her hard work, talent, and dedication to education. We know she will continue to make a positive impact in her new role, just as she has done here at Beam.

Ms. Kaur has decided to leave her teaching position at Beam School at the end of this term to spend more time with her new family. While we will miss her presence in the classroom, we fully support her decision to focus on her family during this special time in her life. We understand and appreciate the importance of family and the precious moments that come with welcoming a new addition. On behalf of the entire Beam School community, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Kaur.

We welcome Ms. Honour who has worked at the Leys and John Perry, she will be teaching in Year 1.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Ijelu, our Sports Assistant, who has an impressive background working with London Lions Basketball, Basketball England, and Great Britain Basketball. She has also proudly represented GB in basketball, bringing a wealth of skill and expertise to our team here at Beam.

We wish all of our Beam children a safe and joyous summer half term.
Lots of love and best wishes,

Miss Whittington

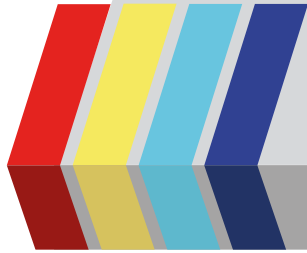
Headteacher's Awards

Nursery 1 Amelia Khan Biharovia	2DM Amelia Choudhury	5AW Michael Oluwalaja
Nursery 2 Alisha Kuddus	2FT Joshua Adelana	5LR Jesse Don-Osawaru
RLS Maya Constantin	2MC Matthew Mejuto Gonzales	5SS Yakub Wadud
RMK Auri Bligh	3JS Maira Basit	6DC Zion Dopamu
RST Fatimah Alagago	3KY Isabel Kryeziu	6LW Markus Echim
1BC Thomas Patracuta	3WA Ayyan Hussain	6PR Amir Khosravi Jazi
1HH Ladelle Esan	4JH Lucia Veliz Garcon	Atlantis Alisha Makuwuro
1NH David Tustanivskyy	4NN Zita Duru	AQ Cezar Gurin
Art Rares Suci	4SU Anaya Ali	Apollo Jason Castro Candelaria
Sport Yeziah De Faria	Music Lonzo Ogbogu	





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Updates from classes -

Year 5 – Year 5 has been non-stop this summer term! Their visit to Coco Vita HQ was an educational highlight, where they learned all about the coconut-based products the company sells. Some pupils also visited Linklaters, gaining insights into the workings of a major law firm.

During Culture Week, their classrooms transformed into international hubs, buzzing with the music, dance, and art from diverse cultures around the globe.

Additionally, they tested their teamwork skills with an exciting building challenge at Legoland. Amidst all the projects, they have been mastering math and honing their writing skills, becoming brilliant young scholars. Year 5 is now ready for summer adventures, and we can't wait to hear all about them in September!

Year 4 – Year 4 have been working really hard this summer and have become great historians through using different resources to learn about the Windrush Generation.

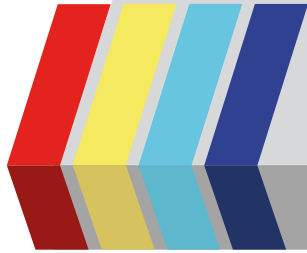
Subsequently, their learning in history has helped them compile persuasive speeches in literacy, to have a statue built in Thurrock to commemorate the Windrush generation.

Well done to each and everyone in Year 4 for their dedication and hard work. Miss Sun, Mr Obaye and Mr Hall wish you all the best for your journeys into you Year 5. Have a wonderful summer!





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Year 3 – This term, Year 3 applied their maths and art skills to design and create Ancient Egyptian temples and pyramids as part of their DT unit, which linked to their history topic of Ancient Egypt. In our classrooms, we recreated the tomb of Tutankhamun and following the footsteps of Howard Carter, we became archaeologists for the day to uncover and explore the artefacts found in the tomb. For literacy, we used our first-person skills to compose informal letters from a book character towards another character.

After that, we started a new novel and have begun to write an innovative narrative exploring emotions and a persuasive letter about whether or not zoos should exist. In maths, we studied and learned about mass and capacity, shapes, time and expanded on our understanding of fractions. In science, the children have been exploring how plants reproduce through pollination and the reproductive structure of flowers and fruits by dissecting and analysing the parts, including the use of microscopes.

For RE, we have been looking at symbolism and stories as taught by Jesus and Buddha, and discussing how and why they are important to members of each faith, and looking for similarities between other faiths. For computing, we have continued to explore how data handling and databases are created and can be analysed and find information or patterns, including the use of graphs.

Year 2 – It has been a busy term for Year 2.

During Week of Work we looked at many different jobs in the community, there are so many! Our focus in literacy has been Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England'. This outlines her journey to England, what an interesting read.

We have also been learning about two nurses, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Nursing has definitely changed over the years.

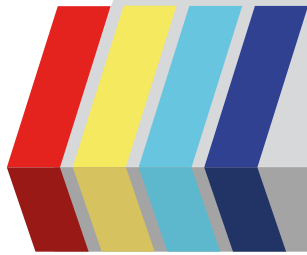
Finally, we have started learning the ancient language of Latin. Did you know over 60% of English words come from a Latin root?

Enjoy the summer holiday and see you all in September.





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Year 1 – This half term has been a tremendous success for Year 1, featuring an exciting Work Week where children immersed themselves in the diverse fields of civil, biomedical, robotic, and mechanical engineering. They thrived on teamwork and problem-solving activities, making the week both fun and educational.

In addition, our pupils shone in their phonics screening check, with an outstanding 90% passing rate. The term also included enriching history lessons about seaside holidays in the past, highlighted by a delightful visit to Chalkwell Beach where the children created fond memories and enjoyed crabbing. In literacy, the children explored fantasy worlds, creating fantastic stories fuelled by their imaginations. In maths, they investigated the wonders of money, beginning to grasp its value and importance. As the year comes to an end, we wish all our pupils continued success and happiness as they enter to Year 2!

Reception – This half-term in Reception, our exciting topic was "Who Can Save the World?". We delved into inspiring books such as 'A Superhero Like You', 'A Superpower Like Mine', and 'Superkid'. The children eagerly designed and wrote about their own superheroes, answered inferential questions based on the texts, and even created imaginative wanted posters! We also enjoyed Work Week, where the children learned about various nature-related professions such as gardening, veterinary care, farming, and zoology. A highlight of the week was a special visit from Cats Protection.

In maths, we explored the use of rekenreks to enhance our understanding of subitising, number bonds to 5 and 10, and recognising number patterns. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm and progress in these areas.

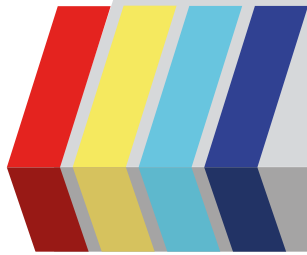
Additionally, we had an exciting and educational day at Barleylands Farm. The children learned about life on the farm, interacted with various animals, enjoyed feeding them, and experienced a fun tractor ride. They also discovered the ingredients used in making pizzas, adding a delicious twist to their farm adventure.

Overall, it's been a fantastic half-term filled with learning, creativity, and memorable experiences!





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Nursery -A Year of Growth and Exploration

As we approach the end of the school year, we are thrilled to share some of the fantastic activities and learning experiences our nursery children have enjoyed. It has been a year filled with curiosity, creativity, and remarkable growth.

Creative Printing Adventures

Our young learners have loved exploring printing with various materials. This hands-on activity has not only sparked their creativity but also helped them develop fine motor skills and an appreciation for art.

Watching Beans Grow

One of the highlights has been watching their beans grow. This simple yet profound activity allowed the children to learn about plant life cycles and the importance of patience and care.

Pushes and Pulls

The outdoor toys provided a fun and interactive way for the children to learn about the concepts of pushes and pulls. They discovered how forces work in a playful environment, enhancing their understanding of basic physics.

Making Shadows

Using their hands to create shadows was a fascinating exploration. The children learned how shadows are made, blending science with play to spark their imaginations.

Number Knowledge

Consolidating their knowledge of numbers up to 6 was an important milestone. The children engaged in various activities to understand these numbers and how they combine, laying a strong foundation for future math learning.

Floating and Sinking

Exploring floating and sinking on a large scale outside was an exciting way for the children to understand density and buoyancy. They conducted experiments that made learning science fun and memorable.

Blending Sounds

Practising blending sounds to make words has been a key focus. The children have shown great progress in their phonics skills, which is essential for their reading development.

First Sports Day Success

The children did brilliantly at their first sports day. It was a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of fun. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Reflecting on the Year

We can't believe it is already coming to an end. Our nursery children have come such a long way, and we are very proud of each and every one of them. Their growth, both academically and personally, has been truly inspiring.



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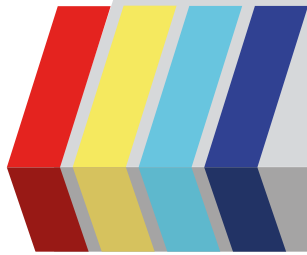
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Sports Update

It's been a busy term at Beam with football, athletics, tennis and cricket tournaments. Cricket and tennis are 'emerging' activities where the children have only just started learning how to play.

Whilst both boys and girls cricket teams were knocked out in the cricket tournaments, they gained valuable experience and lost some very close games.

In the tennis tournaments, the Year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 teams finished in 3rd place. This was a great achievement considering the short space of time they have been playing.

Quad kids competition in our first Year 1 & 2 competition we came 2nd in the cup. While the year 3 and 4 we came 6th in the plate and 1st in the cup. The Year 5/6 plate we came 2nd and in the cup we came 3rd, so overall Beam County in the Athletics and Cross County have done very well.

WHO ARE WE!

Drop Everything And Read Sessions

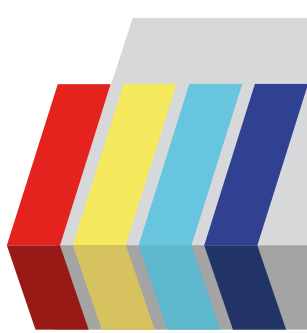
Thank you to all parents that were able to come in and take part in the Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) Sessions this term.

During these sessions, parents had the opportunity to enjoy reading with their children in our wonderful Georgette Learning Hub Library. This was a special time for you to immerse yourself in the joy of reading together, fostering a love of books and stories.





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SEND

Speech and Language Therapist Ed Hooke, who has supported children at Beam and their families for almost 10 years, has decided it is time to retire. We would like to thank Ed for all his hard work over the past decade.

SEND successes this year

It has been a very busy year for the SEN team at Beam. We started the year with our new building work still in progress, but the staff and pupils coped fantastically with the changes during this time. We moved into our shiny, new building after Christmas and the pupils settled in quickly. It has been lovely to welcome parents into our new building for the Copy & Connect Sessions, and for the Bow Arts Project.

Bow Arts

The pupils in AQ have completed work towards an Arts Award in recent weeks, culminating in exhibiting their work to Miss Whittington this week. We are very proud of how hard they have worked and the effort they have put in.

Boxing Futures

We celebrated the successful completion of the Boxing Futures programme for some of our pupils this week during a dedicated award ceremony. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to show your support.

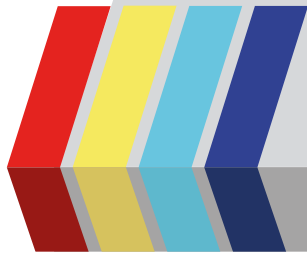
Parents/Carers

- Parent coffee mornings hosted by Lifeline Projects, have been taking place here at beam once a month and have proven to be valuable to those in attendance. We are certain that these coffee mornings will resume in the 2024/25 school year.
- Measles cases in London are rising, please follow the link for further information <https://www.beamcountyprimaryschool.org/assets/Measles-Pop-Up-31-May-2024.pdf>





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Safeguarding

Please see below some helpful links for you and your child's well-being summer holidays

My self-care plan - Anna Freud

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/my-self-care-plan-primary/>

A set of simple activities and a step-by-step guide to help children create their own self-care plan.

Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/wellbeing-activities-being-kind-to-yourself>

Wellbeing activities: being kind to yourself - British Red Cross A set of activities from the British Red Cross to help students to be kind to themselves and look after their own wellbeing.

Moving Up : Changing schools?

Worrying about making friends is very common for children leaving primary school. This advice from Childline answers some common questions and aims to ease those worries.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/friends/top-tips-making-friends/>

Barking and Dagenham Carers Hub

The IASS team members are here to support parents and carers who have babies, children or young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities achieve positive outcomes in their education, health and social well-being.

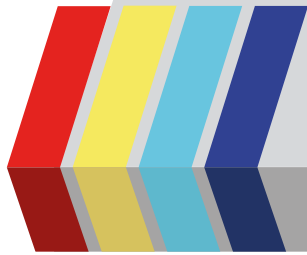
Their Services are available on 0208 593 4422 (opt3)

Monday to Friday between 10am - 4pm.





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Attendance

School attendance matters

Fantastic teachers like we have at Beam unlock children's imagination, potential and social skills which is why regular attendance is so important for your child.

Increase in fines for parent's whose children miss school.

There are new rules about absence from school that we want parents to know about. Parent fines for unauthorised absences have been brought under a national framework. This means: A fine to parents must be considered if a child misses school for unauthorised absence. Fines have gone up from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days. If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

How much does the school earn from fines?

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government. The school get nothing when parents are fined.

New legal requirements schools mean that from August 2024 schools must only grant leaves of absence for specific circumstances set out in regulation 11 of the 2024 attendance regulations (paragraphs 37 to 40)

This means that holidays in term time are not allowed.

There is no longer a code for term time holiday absence and such absences will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

You have to get permission from the Headteacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

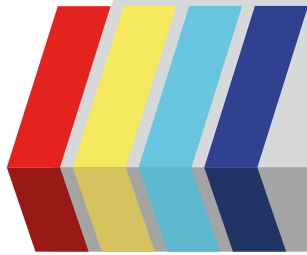
you make an application to the Headteacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with) and there are exceptional circumstances

So you need to know that you can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time.





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Environment

Reminder - our involvement with 'The Little Recyclers' is continuing. It's aim is to raise funds for the school whilst fostering a sense of community involvement and social responsibility amongst pupils, teachers and parents.

We have been provided with a new recycling clothing bank which is now available for donations, situated to **the left of the school office, opposite our Breakfast club\After School entrance.** If you are unsure on what is allowed or not allowed please see guidance from the poster in the front office.



Should you have any pre-loved school uniform that you wish to donate, please continue to send in to our school office.

School Uniform

- The school office will be opening at the following dates and times to enable parents to purchase school uniform. Including preloved options,

Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July
10am - 1pm

- As we embark on a new school year, please ensure that you **place your child's name in ALL UNIFORM, COATS, BAGS AND WATER BOTTLES.**



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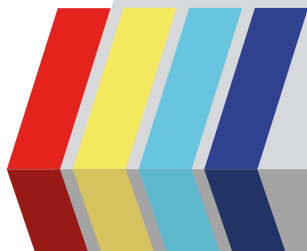
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Ready, Respectful, Safe

At Beam, we expect and encourage good behaviour and self-discipline from all pupils to cultivate an environment that promotes emotional development, effective learning and high standards. Through visible consistency, we are restorative in our approach, using a range of methods and strategies to maintain positive relationships. Our three simplified core rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe, ensure that we are consistent in our approach.

You will find our updated Behaviour Policy here: <https://beamcountyprimaryschool.org/policies>

We aim to provide an inclusive, calm, quiet atmosphere in the school and encourage children to move around responsibly. Our expectations of the children can only be realised through the co-operation and support between home and school. Should any difficulties be encountered, we invite parents to work with us to resolve them. Positive behaviour is a collective responsibility within the school. This extends beyond the individual classroom to cover every child and every area of the school and playground.

School Catering

Primary school children in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023-24 school year. The Mayor of London is providing this funding as an emergency cost of living support measure. **This has now been extended to the 2024-25 school year.**

Children who are entitled to free school meals because of family circumstances bring an additional £1,320 into the school budget. Therefore, if your child is entitled to FSM you still need to apply and register your entitlement, otherwise the school will not receive this additional funding. To register please go to the website below:

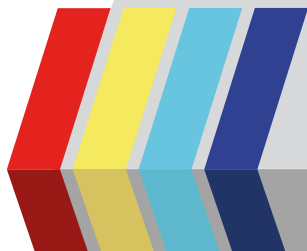
<http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-school-meals-pupil-premium>

Please ensure if your child brings in their own packed lunch, they have their name clearly labelled and the contents **do not** contain nuts or fish





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Contact Information

IMPORTANT – If you or any of your emergency contacts have recently changed your phone number, email or home address please make sure you contact the front office either by email or in person

Term Dates

First day of next term 3rd September 2024 – Last day of term 24th October 2024

